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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 23, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper. A "Replacement Sheet" for each sheet of drawings being amended can be found in the Appendix. In addition, two "Annotated Sheets" are provided for two drawings that are canceled.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.